YouTube Video Directions for SC ASTA Virtual Solo & Ensemble Submissions

There are essential procedures to follow and specific things you should avoid. You may record at your convenience but be aware that the deadline to submit your audition is November 15, 2023, by 11:59 PM. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Tips for submitting a video via YouTube:

- 1. Start early; don't wait until the night before to figure out how to make a video.
- 2. Record yourself on your smartphone, home computer, or video camera. (or with your teacher)
- 3. Your audition must be in one continuous take... no stopping and restarting the video and no editing. Any evidence of this will disqualify you.
- 4. All performers in the video need to Introduce themselves, including their name and school/studio, and the title of the selection. After the introduction, no need to speak during the recording.
- 5. Play the performance.
- 6. No Metronome can be audible during the performance; this should mimic a live performance.
- 7. Be sure that all performers can be seen clearly including bowing (hand/arm) and left hand (arm/fingers). Try to video from a position that is either at your level or a little above (see images below). Do not video from a low angle. Violin/Viola should be more of a profile. Cello/Bass from the front. Be sure that the music stand does not cover what is needed to assess you properly. If it cannot be seen, then the judges cannot evaluate it.
- 8. Upload the video to YouTube (you must create a YouTube account first, but this is easy.)
- 9. After uploading your video, set the video to the "UNLISTED" setting, which keeps others from being able to search for your video. The "private" setting will not allow the judges to see it, and the "public" setting would allow everyone to see it; you want the "unlisted" setting. NOTE: IF YOUR RECORDING IS NOT SUBMITTED PROPERLY, THEN YOU WILL NOT BE JUDGED AND YOU WILL BE COUNTED AS A "NO-SHOW."
- 10. Name the video with Name_School/Studio_SC ASTA 2023 or Ensemble Name_School/Studio_SC ASTA 2023 Example below:
 - a. Susan Wines_Greer Music Studios_SC ASTA 2023
 - b. Coleman Trio_Wade Hampton High_SC ASTA 2023
- 11. Click on your video so the video's URL pops up in the browser window.
- 12. Highlight and copy your video's entire URL link and copy.
- 13. Submit your link to the SC ASTA Virtual S&E google form no later than May 15, 2023.

Acceptable Imaging:



Imaging to avoid:









Unacceptable views.

Improperly recorded images may be disqualified.